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PHILANTHROPY PLEADING FOR PEACE WITH MEXICO.

THE following memorials from the London Peace Society to ten different governments, have been forwarded to us by its Secretary; and we publish them with much pleasure as documents which our successors in the work of peace will be glad to consult.

To the Hon. James K. Polk, President of the United States of America:

The Committee of the "Society for the promotion of permanent and universal Peace," instituted in London in the year 1816, desire most respectfully to convey to you the sentiments which pervade their own minds, and those of the Christian people of this country, as to the war at present carried on by the American Government against the Republic of Mexico.

We wish it to be distinctly understood, that the society which we represent, is not formed for any national, political, or sectarian objects; but is based upon the principle, that all war is inconsistent with the spirit of Christianity and the true interests of mankind; and that our object includes the entire abolition of the system and practice of war throughout the whole world. It is to us an occasion of deep and unfeigned regret, that there is not one of the Governments of the world which has not been implicated in the guilt of war; and, were it not that we have been in the habit of remonstrating with our own Government upon this subject, we should feel that we were altogether unwarranted in addressing ourselves to you.

We had contemplated to have taken this step at an earlier period of the struggle to which we have referred; but we had earnestly hoped that the sentiments of the Christian people of America, would long ere this have prevailed to secure an amicable adjustment of the points at issue between the two sister countries.

We do not propose to offer an opinion upon the subjects of difference between the two Governments; but we feel it to be our duty, as in the fear of God, who has "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell upon the face of the earth," and constrained by the love of our common Savior, who is also "the Savior of all men," to submit to you, and through you to the Government at the head of which you are at present placed, whether these proceedings be not in direct antagonism to the genius and spirit of the Christian religion, and to the avowed principles of the American Constitution; and whether you ought not to adopt prompt and decisive measures for terminating the frightful scenes of bloodshed and suffering which mark the path of your conquering armies.

In this moment of your victory, we would most earnestly and respectfully entreat you to display a truly magnanimous and Christian spirit, by at once offering to the Mexicans such terms as they can scarcely fail to accept, and by declaring your determination to abandon at once all appeal to military force, and to settle the disputed questions, should any such still arise, by referring the whole case to the *arbitration* of two or three friendly powers. We cannot but think that such steps as these would secure to the American people a distinction among the nations of the earth far more valuable than any thing that can be acquired by military triumphs, and would tend, by its influence on other countries, to discourage the unchristian practice of war, and to secure to the nations the unspeakable blessings of permanent and universal peace.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN JEFFERSON, Sec'y.

19, New Broad Street, London, June 14, 1847.

To the Hon. Santa Anna, President of the Republic of Mexico :

The Memorial of the Committee, &c., respectfully sheweth, that your memorialists are united in the conviction that the system and practice of war are opposed to the principles of the Christian religion, and every way injurious to the true interests of mankind; and that its object includes the entire abolition of the system and practice of war throughout the whole world.

It is not at all, therefore, the province of your memorialists to offer any opinion upon the precise subjects in dispute between the Mexican Republic and the United States of America; but we cannot refrain from expressing to you how deeply we are pained by the existence and protracted continuance of the war in which you are at present engaged.

Most deeply do we deplore the large amount of privation and suffering which is thus inflicted, and, to a great extent, upon those who are innocent and unoffending as to the cause of the war, whatever that cause may be, and still more, the fearful sacrifice of human life, which the religion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, teaches us to regard as sacred, and of inestimable worth; and most earnestly do we desire to see this mournful state of things brought to a speedy close.

Your memorialists disclaim every thing like a right to interfere, as between your nation and America, nor have they any such power of interference; but they do, most respectfully and fervently, as men and Christians, implore you to use your utmost endeavors to secure a total and immediate suspension of hostilities, and to seek the adjustment of the existing differences by mutual negotiation, or by referring them to the arbitration of one or more friendly powers, with the distinct and full understanding that both parties will abide by the decision.

Your memorialists cannot but hope that this mode of settling international disputes, or some other of an equally pacific and purely moral character, will soon be adopted by all the nations of the earth, instead of having recourse to the barbarous and unchristian practice of war.

Your memorialists are firmly persuaded, that the course of procedure which they thus venture to recommend, would yield you the highest satisfaction, and secure that state of settled and permanent peace which you cannot but ardently desire; and allow us to suggest, in conclusion, that any sacrifice which such a course may involve, is trivial indeed, when compared with the dreadful calamities inseparable from war.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
JOHN JEFFERSON, Sec'y.

19, New Broad street, London, June 14, 1847.

To the Right Hon. Lord John Russell, First Lord of the Treasury, and the other Right Hon. Members of Her Majesty's Government :

The Memorial of the Committee, &c., most respectfully sheweth, that your memorialists regard with deep regret, the continuance of the struggle between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, as furnishing, at every step of its progress, painful proof of the utterly unchristian and injurious nature of war, and as tending to provoke yet further hostilities.

Your memorialists have learned, with much satisfaction, that her Majesty's Government have once and again offered their friendly mediation between these two contending powers; and they are not insensible to the delicacy and difficulty of your position, now that such mediation has been virtually refused.

Strongly convinced, however, as they are, that it is always honorable, yea, more, that it is eminently Christian, to persevere in efforts for the wel-

fare of others, though they may not immediately succeed, your memorialists venture to submit to the Right Honorable members of her Majesty's Government, whether the renewal of their proffered mediation be not very desirable, accompanied, it may be, with a recommendation that, should this mediation be not accepted, they will submit the matters in dispute to the arbitration of some other friendly power or powers.

Your memorialists would, in conclusion, express their earnest desire that the British Government will employ their most earnest and decided endeavors to arrange all its own differences with other powers, whenever any shall arise, by mutual negotiation, or by reference of such differences to arbitration, and that they will use their best influence to induce all other Governments to act upon the same principles.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN JEFFERSON, Sec'y.

19, New Broad street, London, June 14, 1847.

To His Majesty, Louis Philippe, King of the French, &c., &c., &c.

The Memorial of the Committee, &c., humbly sheweth, that your memorialists have the privilege to represent the opinions of large numbers of Christians both in England and other countries, who regard war as altogether opposed to the teaching and spirit of the Christian religion, and to the true interests of mankind.

Your memorialists reflect, with much satisfaction, on the general prevalence of peace in Europe, during a period of more than thirty years, and derive hence strong encouragement to hope that the great powers of Europe will never again be arrayed against each other.

Your memorialists are, however, always pained at the existence of war, even though it be carried on upon a smaller scale than heretofore; believing, as they do, that it is always a great moral evil, alike offensive to Almighty God, and prejudicial to the true interests of men.

At the present time your memorialists have especially to deplore the continuance of a state of open war between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico.

Your memorialists venture, therefore, most respectfully and earnestly to invite you, Sire, and the rulers of other great nations, to recommend, in a spirit of friendship and love, to these belligerent powers, a total and immediate suspension of hostilities, and the adoption of vigorous measures to decide whatever points of dispute there may be, by moral and pacific means alone; by mutual negotiation, if possible; and, failing in this, by referring them to the arbitration of one or more friendly powers.

Your memorialists would only add the expression of their earnest hope, that the day is not far distant when the Governments of the civilized world will unite in a general agreement, by treaty or otherwise, to refer all cases of dispute to arbitration, upon the recognized principles of international justice and law, agreeably to the recommendation of the General Convention of the Friends of Peace, held in London, in the year 1843, which your memorialists had the honor of placing under your Majesty's attention.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN JEFFERSON, Sec'y.

19, New Broad street, London, June 14, 1847.

The foregoing was also sent (appropriately addressed) to the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of Russia, the King of Prussia, the King of the Netherlands, the King of the Belgians, and the King of Sweden.

LONDON PEACE SOCIETY.—The Annual Report, contained in the Herald for June of twice the usual size, shows more attempted, more accomplished, and more in progress or prospect for the cause, than we recollect to have found in any former report of this able and indefatigable Society. It gives a brief but comprehensive and cheering view of what our devoted co-workers in England are doing both at home and on the continent. The Society's receipts were £2,148, or about \$10,000, thrice as large as our own the last year. Addresses were made by the President CHARLES HINDLEY, M. P., Rev. Messrs. AVELING and BURNET, JOSEPH BROTHERTON, M. P., J. T. PRICE and J. S. BUCKINGHAM, Esqrs., and Messrs. ELIHU BURRITT and HENRY CLAPP from the U. S. We shall be glad to find space for extracts from the report and speeches.

DEFERRED.—We reluctantly postpone, besides other articles, a large number of resolutions on Peace, especially by ecclesiastical bodies.

FUNDS.—We are thankful to our friends for the degree of liberality shown to our cause during the last two months; but we ought to say, that a *tenfold* increase of means is necessary to meet all its demands at the present crisis. Besides our ordinary operations, we are anxious (1) to put our Peace Manual in every Sabbath School through the land, but especially throughout the Great Valley of the West; (2) to furnish with a copy every one of our thirty thousand ministers of the Gospel; and (3) to send a few agents through the South and West, as pioneers of efficient operations in those parts of our country. The way is already open, or fast opening, for these and many other hopeful movements in behalf of our cause.

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*Receipts from June 10 to Aug. 10.*

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| John Lee, Pres. Lond. Peace Soc. |         | Providence, R. I., W. S. Greene, | \$2 00 |
| by John Tappan, Boston,          | \$25 00 | S. S. Wardwell,                  | 2 00   |
| New London, Ct., T. W. Williams, | 25 00   | V. Carr,                         | 2 00   |
| N. P. Haven,                     | 10 00   | S. Hutchins,                     | 2 00   |
| Joseph Hurlburt,                 | 5 00    | Friend,                          | 2 00   |
| Others,                          | 14 00   | G. Congdon,                      | 2 00   |
| New York city, A. Lester,        | 10 00   | E. W. Fletcher,                  | 2 00   |
| H. Dwight, Jr.                   | 10 00   | Others,                          | 9 00   |
| Lewis Tappan, for publens.,      | 10 00   | Wrentham, M. Everett,            | 2 00   |
| Dwight Lathrop,                  | 5 00    | Edwin Ide,                       | 2 00   |
| Cash, (J. R.)                    | 5 00    | Howard Mann,                     | 3 00   |
| Drake Mills,                     | 5 00    | A. & G. S. Blake,                | 5 00   |
| Others,                          | 5 50    | Sally Blake,                     | 2 00   |
| Athens, Ga., J. Flournoy,        | 5 00    | W. F. R.,                        | 2 00   |
| Worcester, Sarah Waldo,          | 50 00   | Others,                          | 10 00  |
| Providence, R. I., Benj. White,  | 10 00   | Foxborough, O. Carey,            | 2 00   |
| Josiah Chapin, (for 2 years,)    | 10 00   | D. Carpenter,                    | 5 00   |
| Benj. Dyer,                      | 10 00   | Others,                          | 16 00  |
| W. J. King,                      | 5 00    | Fairhaven, S. Allen,             | 2 00   |
| Royal Chapin,                    | 5 00    | Others,                          | 3 00   |
| S. Salisbury,                    | 2 00    | New Bedford, W. C. Taber,        | 5 00   |
| A. C. Barstow,                   | 4 00    | C. Grinnell,                     | 5 00   |
| C. H. Dabney,                    | 3 00    | Geo. Howland, Jr.,               | 5 00   |
| J. H. Mason,                     | 3 00    | P. Anthony,                      | 5 00   |